
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: COUNCIL MEMBER SHARKEY

SUBJECT: POLICY REVIEW

DATE: JANUARY 28, 2021

CC: MIKE APPEGARTH

I asked for this Meeting Policy Review. There have been instances where we have failed to follow our own Policies, or where confusion was created about whether, how, or if we could or should apply a Policy at all.

I realize that Policies are different than Laws. We could throw out all our Meeting Policies and decide only to apply OPMA. My review of our Meeting Policies is that they add welcome structure and predictability to our meetings which benefits both this body and the public. Giving ample time for the Council to weigh, consider, discuss, and debate important legislative issues and to properly engage the public in the final decision-making process is important and beneficial to all.

I have placed this as an Information Item on the agenda purposefully. The intent is to review and clarify current Meeting Policies. The intent is not to make changes. There is a Policy for that.